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SUBJ: WILHELMI'S PROSPECTS SAID TO DARKEN AT CULTURE MINISTRY

1. A POLISH TELEVISION PRODUCER MARCH 13 TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT "SOMETHING WAS IN THE AIR" ON VICE MINISTER JANUSZ WILHELMI'S "DIRECTORSHIP" OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE. NO ONE, HE SAID, EXPECTS WILHELMI TO REMAIN LONG AT THE HEAD OF THE MINISTRY, ALTHOUGH WILHELMI HAS DONE HIS BEST TO ENTRENCH HIMSELF BY BRINGING TRUSTED ASSOCIATES FROM OTHER MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO WORK FOR HIM. ACCORDING TO THE PRODUCER, POLISH TV DIRECTOR MACIEJ SZCZEPANSKI IS PARTICULARLY IRKED AT WILHELMI FOR RAIDING HIS PERSONNEL.

2. THE PRODUCER SAID FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK REALIZES THAT WILHELMI CANNOT BE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED AS HEAD OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, BECAUSE VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE POLISH CULTURAL ESTABLISHMENT IS OPPOSED TO HIM. HE THOUGHT THIS FACTOR, PLUS WILHELMI'S MANY ENEMIES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY, WOULD ENSURE HIS REMOVAL FROM LEADERSHIP SOON. THE ISSUE IS DRAGGING ON, HE SAID, BECAUSE WILHELMI'S
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BACKERS, PARTICULARLY WERBLAN AND LUKASZEWICZ IN THE PARTY HIERARCHY, HAVE BEEN UNWILLING SO FAR TO ACCEPT ANY OF THE COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS PUT FORWARD FOR RESOLVING THE MINISTRY'S HIGH-LEVEL STAFFING PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE TELEVISION PRODUCER SHOULD BE WELL

INFORMED ON THIS MATTER, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR JUDGING THE RELIABILITY
OF THIS REPORT.
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